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2. PRESS COVERAGE CIA STORY CONTINUES IN MOST LISBON MORNING PAPERS FEB 24 WHICH CARRY SUBSTANTIALLY SAME ARTICLE DATED WASHINGTON. ARTICLE FEATURES UNDER SEC. KATZENBACH'S REPORT TO PRESIDENT ON CIA'S TIES WITH PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND STRESSES FACT THAT CIA OPERATED WITH APPROVAL HIGHEST LEVELS USG IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY LAID DOWN BY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. WHITE HOUSE REPORTED TO AGREE WITH KATZENBACH REPORT WHICH POINTS UP CIA'S PAST SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO US SECURITY.

2. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS (PRO-GOVERNMENT) REPORTED SENATOR GAYLORD NELSON AS DECLARING THAT THERE WAS AN ALARMING TENDENCY IN US TO FOLLOW PRACTICES OF A POLICE STATE. THE NEWSPAPER CITED AS AN EXAMPLE GIVEN BY THE SENATOR "THE FINANCING OF PUBLICATIONS BY THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY". PLACED IN CONTEXT WITH OTHER ITEMS ON CIA SUPPORT OF VARIOUS PROJECTS, SOME CONFUSION CAN BE EXPECTED AND READERS COULD MISTAKENLY INTERPRET THE STATEMENT AS MEANING THAT THE CIA IS FINANCING USIA.

3. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS ALSO PUBLISHES BRIEF HISTORY CIA CITING "HUNDREDS OF SUCCESSES" AND FEW MISTAKES, E.G., CUBAN INVASION AND U-2 AFFAIR BUT CONTAINING NOTHING LINKING CIA TO PORTUGAL.

4. THERE IS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN EVENING PRESS FEB 23 OR MORNING PAPERS FEB 24. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO LOCAL PUBLICATION OF REPORT OF AID TO REFUGEE STUDENTS FROM ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE (ALONG WITH OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH WAS FEATURED IN FRONTPAGE STORY PARIS EDITION NEW YORK TIMES FEB 22. THIS MAY COME LATER.

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